

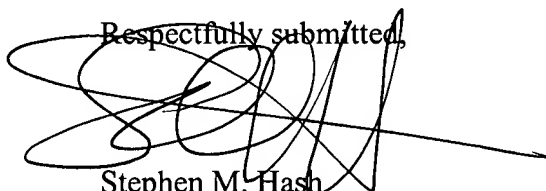
immunological cascade necessary to facilitate the development of an antigen specific humoral or cellular response.

As noted by the Action, Gupta *et al.* teaches that the use of a carrier protein in enhancing an immune response. Nevertheless, Gupta *et al.* does not instruct one of ordinary skill on how to modify a macrophage response in order to establish an antigen specific response. In the absence of such teaching, the combination of references cited by the Action fails to include every limitation of the claims as amended. The cited references are therefore inadequate to make overcome the instant inventions presumption of patentability. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the instant rejection be removed.

G. Conclusion

Applicant believes the foregoing to be a full and complete response to the outstanding Office Action. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 512-418-3058 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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